Dear Driver,

Do you multi-task while driving?

- Please don't! Studies have shown that people cannot pay attention to two things at the same time, but rather quickly divert the attention. This includes texting, calling, eating, childcare, searching for an item, etc. Wait until a red light, or parked. It can wait.
- In the state of WA, if you are pulled over for reading, writing, sending a text while driving, or using handheld cell phones, there is a fine of \$124 for first-time offenders.



 $Source: www.nsc.org/safety_road/Distracted_Driving/Pages/The-Great-Multitasking-Lie.aspx$

- If someone else is in the car, let them text for you. No call or text is important enough that you must hinder your driving skills and hurt someone.
- If it is hard to refrain from texting, turn off, or place your phone on the back seat so you cannot access it.
- On iPhones, you can change your call settings to "do not disturb".

Please give pedestrians priority.

In the state of WA, you must give pedestrians the right-of-way at marked and unmarked intersections.

 Yield to people in the crosswalk, regardless of where they are on the road (i.e. halfway through intersection). Failure to yield may result in a \$124 fine.



Source: http://articles.dailypilot.com/2010-09-27/news/tn-dpt-0928-crosswalks-20100927_1_crossing-guard-positions-installation-traffic-light

When driving in neighborhoods and school zones, be extra wary as children may bolt onto the street. Please follow the reduced speed signs.

Watch out for bicyclists; there are more and more each day! Bicycling has increased 152% in Seattle since 2000!

- Drivers and bicyclists share the road equally. Bicycles are considered "vehicles" under Washington law.
- Please watch for bicyclists and pedestrians while making turns, exiting driveways and parking lots, and opening your car door on onstreet parking. Look twice!
 Bicyclists may be on the right side of the road.
- Bicyclists may choose to ride on the bike path, bike lane, shoulder or travel lane as suits their safety needs.





Source: http://www.cascade.org /give-3-feet